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March 15, 2019

Liam Knox  
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Re: Your Public Records Request Dated March 11

Dear Mr. Knox:

On March 11, 2019, the California Department of Education (CDE) received a request for records pursuant to the Public Records Act (CPRA) (Gov. Code § 6250 *et seq.*) from you via email. Your request was for the following:

*A copy of all files, memos, and communications related to the Oakland teachers strike that took place from February 24-March 3. Specifically, any emails sent to or from the following elected officials that are responsive to my request. (list of specific officials provided)*

The CDE has more than 1500 employees and a search for responsive records involving all 1,500 employees would be unduly burdensome and objectionable on those grounds. Moreover, your request is somewhat unclear in that it requests “all files, memos and communications” related to the teachers’ strike yet also “specifically” requests any emails of a very particular nature.

In an effort to be able to respond to your request in an effective and efficient manner, I ask you narrow your request to a specific person or small group of persons at the CDE. Also, I ask that you please clarify if a search for emails to and from those persons listed in your request is what you are actually seeking. As required by the Public Records Act, I would be happy to assist you in narrowing your search request and you may contact me for such assistance. In addition, once you have narrowed your request, please also clarify the time range for responsive records. At this point, I would assume that your request would seek documents created subsequent to February 24, 2019, but clarifying that would be helpful.

Please be advised that your request for records, and our response to it, are themselves public records and may be disclosed to the public should the CDE receive a request for disclosure. Please direct future correspondence regarding your request for public records related to this request to my attention. You may contact me by telephone at 916-319-0818.

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Sincerely,

*Cynthia Butler*

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